

BAD FOR BOXING

No Decision Yet From Yesterday's Hearing.

There were amusing periods yesterday afternoon at the hearing of the remonstrance by the Protestant Ministers' association to granting a license to holding a boxing exhibition to the Waterbury Athletic club. The hearing was held before the committee from the board of public safety, Commissioners H. W. Minor and Truman S. Lewis and Superintendent of Police Beach. The object of the hearing having been stated by Commissioner Minor, he called for remarks from those interested and Patrick F. Cavanaugh, representing the club, got up and in a few words vouched for the law abiding character that would distinguish the exhibition. He said the club has been in existence fourteen years, is composed of many taxpayers and citizens and property owners, and that no one not a resident of the state would be allowed to participate. The club proposed to give three bouts of twelve, ten and six rounds respectively, for scientific points, and there would be no knock outs.

Daniel T. Farrington, the real estate agent, a member of the club, also vouched for the good behavior of the exhibition and added that a member of the club who had served nine years in the navy and had distinguished himself in that service was to be matched to meet a man of similar reputation living in Bridgeport. That was one of the main objects of applying for a permit. He would guarantee there would be no disorder or knock outs. He proposed to have James Nelson referee, a man who knew his business, he added.

Attorney Edwin S. Hunt asked if there was to be a purse for the winners and he was informed by Mr. Farrington there were to be no winners, that the exhibitors would be merely paid for their services in the ring, and the public could decide which exhibitor was the best. He said the club had already selected one Pickett, of 110 pounds, Collins, 128, and Shea, 135, all local boxers. Some one inquired what the gloves would weigh and Commissioner Minor said that that was a matter for the committee to decide.

Attorney and Deputy Coroner Makepeace, with no eye to business, of course, as some was irrelevantly remarked, asked if there was ever a knock out in a six round go and he was told by Mr. Farrington, who stood like a soldier's monument back of the committee, then when the referee knew his business, there were no knock outs, adding that he knew a little about refereeing himself and he would be on deck if the permit were granted. Commissioner Makepeace's curiosity took him to make inquiries about the "go" between Young Corbett and Thomas Nieldemus McGovern in which the latter was "put" and Mr. Farrington replied that that was the referee's funeral, for McGovern was "grogy" long before he was put to bed. Mr. Farrington seemed to take it for granted that all of the clergymen and lawyers and remonstrants of various degree present, understood his technical expressions, and they seemed to, for none of them asked for an explanation.

Mr. Makepeace having retired "enlightened," the Rev. John N. Lewis arose. Later when questioned by Attorney Slavin, who represented the petitioners, he understood that he was not there as a clergyman, but as a citizen, a good citizen. He wished to know if a "knockout" were possible, despite the vigilance of the referee, and was informed that anything is possible but a knockout under the conditions mentioned was not usual, and then Robert C. Ross, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. asked what was to be the price of tickets.

If any one present conceived the idea that Mr. Ross was looking merely for early information he was subsequently and firmly given another idea altogether. Mr. Ross was told, however, the price would be "50, 75 and \$1." This seemed to close the case for the petitioners, and Commissioner Minor asked if the "opposition" wished to be heard, just as if it were not making a loud remonstrance during the hearing so far. Mr. Lewis stood up and had it understood that he was no lawyer nor a son of a lawyer, but in his view it would be very inexpedient to grant the petition asked for, because the exhibition may be brutal, certainly it would not be elevating, and certainly again it would be degrading. He understood the last exhibition was a harrowing pink tea affair, but memory will recall the crowd it brought to town, tongs and thugs. The people who follow such entertainments do not care to see affairs of the pink tea kind. They prefer the "grogy" stage, he said, and it would be impossible for the club to give any guarantee there would be no knock-out. The town could not afford to hold such another exhibition. He was afraid that if the committee granted this petition it would be only an opening wedge for more to follow. He believed Mr. Cavanaugh and Mr. Farrington were safe men, good men, but he did not want the crowd who stand back of these affairs. He enjoyed a boxing match as well as the next man, but he did not think it would be safe for the commissioners to grant this petition.

Attorney Slavin asked Mr. Lewis if he thought those who follow the circus are good people and Mr. Lewis said they were entirely different from the crowd that patronize boxing exhibitions such as he believed was asked for now. He was not "up" on Jimmy Nelson, but he had his own opinion about what this exhibition would be if allowed.

Mr. Cavanaugh questioned Mr. Lewis about Austin Rice. Mr. Lewis having answered that Mr. Rice was a good drawing card in his own way, Mr. Cavanaugh said that he had known there would be so much opposition to the petition he would not have presented it. He assured the remonstrants that he was connected with no riff raff or thugs or tongs, but it was the first time that a respectable body of Waterbury citizens ever asked the board of safety for a permit of this kind.

Mr. Slavin asked Mr. Lewis if it were not so that a certain number of the clergymen of New Haven after witnessing a boxing exhibition to which they had objected, discovered that it was a legitimate entertain-

TROLLEY CO'S MONEY

City May Have a Hard Time to Get Any of It.

The article in the Democrat yesterday regarding the amount of ready cash which Hartford receives from the trolley company and the readiness with which they come forward with the dust ought to be an eye opener to all the people of Waterbury. It throws some light upon how the people of this town have been jolted out of their rights while others were wise in time and got something from corporations who wanted to do business on the public highways. But there was no remedy in Waterbury. The company had things its own way and any man who opened his mouth in opposition to what was going on was promptly disposed of by classing him as an opponent of progress, an obstructionist and a declaimer to the grand stand. In this way a few clever fellows gave private corporations the right to use the streets without any conditions and as a consequence the taxpayers feel it now that they have not yet reached the worst. It costs at least one third more to keep trolley streets in repair over and above what it does to maintain streets where the trolley does not operate and with this added burden and no return for it it is easy to see where the trouble lies.

Another strange thing is that such contracts as the trolley people have entered into with the city of Waterbury have not been lived up to and it is a question whether they mean what they say or not. It looks like a joke to have committees waiting upon the trolley people year after year and asking to be shown their books and on such occasions to be dismissed with a remark to the effect that they are looking for something which never had any legal existence.

ment, and they could have no objection to another like it. Mr. Lewis said he knew nothing about that.

The Rev. Charles A. Dinwiddie, pastor of the First Congregational church, supported the above sentiments and added that as the date of the proposed exhibition was February 21, the following day would be Washington's birthday anniversary and undoubtedly the exhibition on that account, would draw a most undesirable lot of citizens to town and the police station would be filled the following few days. He was also satisfied that the petitioners could not give a satisfactory guarantee. Then Attorney N. B. Bronson had his say. He said a bond was an impossibility, and that the people who follow races and boxing exhibitions are not at all desirable people to have in a community. Superintendent of Police Beach knew this better than any one present, he said. The city had a good police force he went on, but then the people are paying a good price for it and they are already overtaxed. No matter how good intentioned the backers of the petition may be they could not restrain people at a boxing exhibition more than they could at a circus. Women and kids are the only beneficiaries of a circus but they don't go to boxing exhibitions. There can be no question about it, he said, but that those who follow sports of this kind are in the class of undesirables. Another thing to be considered, he said, was the state of the times. Who would go to see this exhibition, supposing it were allowed? No one but those who could least afford to do so, and who would suffer? The women and the kids, said Mr. Bronson. He considered this an unfortunate time to ask for such a permit.

Mr. Bronson said if others present did not know Jimmy Nelson he did. "Jimmy Nelson has not some of my good money," said he, "and he can have more if he has the goods to deliver." This statement caused many smiles as in fact all during his remarks everybody and himself were quietly smiling. "Now, Mr. Slavin," said he, "you've been to prize fights—I beg your pardon—I mean boxing exhibitions, and I've been there too, and we both know what they are," more blither.

Mr. Slavin knowing that Mr. Bronson is one of the best golf players in the state and a great devotee of the game, asked him, "What about the crowd that follows golf?"

Mr. Bronson, laughing himself now, answered, "Well, there are some undesirables there, too," and everybody laughed outright at this.

"Teddy" Edwin W. Biggerstaff had his say then. Forcing his way to the front of the crowd he called out: "Sl, Mr. Bronson? You at boxing his not helevatin', don't ye?"

Mr. Bronson said he did not understand the question and after Mr. Biggerstaff had repeated it Mr. Bronson replied:

"You mistake me, my friend. I ain't say boxing was not helevatin'." I said that—

"Then his boxin' his not helevatin' Mr. Bronson, why his hit that the president of the country 'as it him the army, hand the navy?" asked Mr. Biggerstaff.

"Just because I supposed I had some of it at my home," was Mr. Bronson's answer and nobody made any attempt to conceal his merry feelings.

Secretary Robert C. Ross of the Y. M. C. A. spoke from notes saying that a clean boxing exhibition is always regarded as a fake and such is not encouraged by the public. John S. Elton was called upon by Attorney Bronson. Mr. Elton had only a few words to say and he said them sharply and concisely. He said that he had no opinion on such a matter as this under discussion. He never saw a boxing exhibition or a football game. If the promoters of the proposed exhibition would give a guarantee that nobody's pocket would be picked and no one's house broken into, why then that would be another matter and then to talk about guarantee.

The other speakers were the Rev. William E. Smith, pastor of the South Methodist church; William Finkley, sexton Trinity P. E. church; W. H. Camp, Warren L. Hall, and letters were read from ex-Mayor John P. Elton, and the Protestant Ministers' association. Around the front door of the court room were thronged many well known sports of the town. The committee reserved decision and in all likelihood will not make it known until the board of safety meets next Wednesday.

AGAINST RAILROAD

Estate of Robert French Seitled Up For \$4,000.

The offer of the railroad company of \$4,000 in each case of death in the trolley accident on West Main street on November 27 last has been accepted by Munger & Munger, attorneys for the estate of Robert French, late of Waterville who was one of the five that were killed in the accident. The settlement of the matter was made yesterday without any formal action being taken against the company. Under the law all that Mr. French's estate could receive, assuming that a jury would find the railroad company guilty of gross negligence would be \$5,000 and, considering that the settlement dispenses with a law suit and all its incidental worry and expense some lawyers say the offer was magnanimous. But Attorneys Carnody and Lynch of Waterbury take a different view of the matter. Yesterday James S. Elton a director for the railroad company accepted service papers in two suits brought by Mr. Carnody. In one he sues for \$5,000 for Kate Kelly administratrix on the estate of her sister Anna who was killed, and in the other, Teresa Kelly another relative sues for \$10,000 for damages for personal injuries, medical expenses, loss of wages, pain and anguish attending a broken ankle and general compensation for shock and alleged permanent disability. Attorney Lynch counsel for Mary Lehr who claims to have been badly injured has prepared papers in a suit for \$15,000 damages. Mrs. Lehr who, it is claimed lost a child in consequence of the accident, had already effected a settlement with the company for \$50. A week or so after the accident she was interviewed by a claims agent for the company and accepted the above amount, giving a full discharge of all responsibility for the accident to the agent. The three cases are made returnable to the superior court the first Tuesday in February.

FRATERNAL AND SOCIAL

Coming Events of Interest to Many Waterbury People.

Hans Saro conducted the Liederkranz concert in Thomaston last evening. The European quartette and George Tompkins, violinist, from this city, also participated.

Callista chapter, No. 22, O. E. S., has installed the following officers: W. M., Mary Bronson; W. P., Frances Johnson; M., M., Jennie White; treasurer, M., Woodlan; secretary, Alice Dunham; C., Goldie Fletcher; A. C., Louisa Williams; Ruth, Carrie Williams; Esther, Esther Fitch; Martha, Grace Jackson; Electa, Sarah Demons; W., Julia Scott; sentinel, Joseph Copeland.

Haymakers' association, No. 104, installed the following officers last night: Chief haymaker, Percy Mahoney; assistant chief haymaker, W. H. Bartram; overseer, F. W. Morton; past chief haymaker, L. M. Cornish; collector of straws, F. J. Spellman; keeper of straws and bundles, C. E. Barber; representative to the state association, W. F. Engert; alternate, G. S. Gerrest. Deputy Grand Chief Haymaker William Saunders of Naugatuck was the installing officer.

The committee in charge of the leap year party to be given at City hall this evening by the Catholic Women's association, announces that ladies' tickets, and gentlemen's cards must be presented at the door. The ladies tickets have been sold and the gentlemen have received invitation cards. The dancing will begin at 8:30 and continue until midnight, and being leap year, the rule of the party is that the young ladies choose their partners. Ladies who did not get tickets can get them from the committee at the hall to-night.

The local courts of the Independent Order of Foresters held a union meeting last night in K. of C. hall, which was open to friends, as well as members, and about 150 assembled to enjoy the events of the occasion. After the installation of the officers, a ceremony conducted by W. A. Smith, P. H. C. R. of Bridgeport, H. Evison, D. S. C. R. of Toronto and W. Gaffney, C. R. of Ansonia, the supreme deputy took the chair and several speeches were made explanatory of the system and work of Independent Forestry, which were well received. Refreshments in pleasing variety were then served, after which the floor was cleared for dancing, and which was kept up with unabated interest until the midnight hour. The musical part of the entertainment was well rendered by Miss Pierce and Messrs. Mahon and Brinkley, whose efforts were much appreciated. The evening was evidently enjoyed by all present. The deputy announced that the formation of a new court would take place in Lafayette hall, Bank street, on Monday, February 10, and several present intimated their readiness to become members. The list of officers of both courts is as follows: Court Waterbury—Chief ranger, J. E. Madigan; vice chief ranger, D. J. Murphy; recording secretary, F. A. Maton; financial secretary, J. J. Geraghty; treasurer, B. H. Fitzpatrick; orator, Edward Deegan; senior woodward, J. M. Feeley; junior woodward, H. Dugan; senior beadle, M. J. Keefe; junior beadle, P. P. Noonan; court deputy, S. W. Wilby; medical examiner, Dr. R. A. O'Hara. The committee of arrangements for the court is composed of J. M. Galland, J. J. Geraghty and F. A. Maton. Court Eugene: Court deputy, Owen La France; chief ranger, Elias Bernier; vice chief ranger, Leonille Bernier; recording secretary, Eugene Dugan; financial secretary, Pamela La France; treasurer, Elizabeth La France; senior woodward, Henriette Crochetier; junior woodward, Bertha Miller; senior beadle, Selma La France; junior beadle, Olympe Bonnard; past chief ranger, Delphine Fregent.

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